GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1374
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2000
HINDUSTAN PAPER CORPORATION
NEPAL CHANDRA DAS

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Cachar and Nagaon Paper Millsmanaged by the Hindustan Paper Corporation are suspending their production for short durations every year on the plea of inadequate selling orders;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to approach the State Government to obtain their required quantity of paper from Hindustan Paper Corporation; and

(c) whether the Government propose to ban import of similar quality of paper produced by the Hindustan Paper Corporation of impose extra levy on imported paper in the market to save these two paper mills;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the other remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(DR. VALLABHBHAI KHATIRIA)

(a) & (b): Due to in-adequate orders from various Government Institutions/ Bodies and from market, the mills of Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. had tosuspend production for short periods. State Governments and CentralGovernment Ministries/Departments have been requested to patronise Hindustan Paper Corporation for their requirements of paper.

(c) There is no proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Marketing set up of HPC has been strengthened by reviving the post of Director Marketing.